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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-5 and add new claims 6-18.

1-5 (canceled)

6. (new) A method of preventing or treating pathologies of the digestive tube comprising administration of an effective amount of a composition comprising lactic acid bacterium of the species *Lactobacillus farciminis*.

7. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the pathology is an acute or chronic inflammatory pathology of the intestine.

8. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the pathology manifests itself by visceral pain.

9. (new) The method of claim 7 wherein the pathology manifests itself by visceral pain.

10. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the pathology to be treated is selected from the group consisting of colitis, enteritis, Crohn's disease, hemorrhagic rectocolitis, irritable bowel syndrome and nonulcerative dyspepsia.

11. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the composition is in the form of a foodstuff or a dietary supplement.

12. (new) The method of claim 7 wherein the composition is in the form of a foodstuff or a dietary supplement.

13. (new) The method of claim 8 wherein the composition is in the form of a foodstuff or a dietary supplement.

14. (new) The method of claim 10 wherein the composition is in the form of a foodstuff or a dietary supplement.
15. (new) A composition for the treatment of pathologies of the digestive tube comprising lactic acid bacteria of the species *Lactobacillus. farciminis*.
16. (new) The composition of claim 15 further comprising lactic acid bacteria selected from the group consisting of lactobacilli, lactococci, streptococci and bifidobacteria.
17. (new) The composition of claim 15 further comprising yeast.
18. (new) The composition of claim 15 comprising a fermented dairy product.